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SUBJECT: FBI DIRECTOR MUELLER DISCUSSES HEADLEY CASE WITH
INDIAN HOME MINISTER CHIDAMBARAM
Classified By: Ambassador Tim Roemer. Reason: 1.4 (b,d).

1. (S) Summary: In a February 23 meeting, FBI Director Robert Mueller told Indian Home Affairs Minister P. Chidambaram that the USG would continue to work closely with India on counterterrorism issues.
2. (S) Director Mueller opened the 20-minute meeting by expressing satisfaction over increasingly close bilateral cooperation. Characterizing the relationship as "outstanding," Mueller said the USG and India have a "shared interest" in combating terrorism.
3. (S) After thanking Mueller for the "outstanding cooperation" displayed by the USG, Chidambaram stated that he understood from his discussion with Mueller that the USG was not acting alone in India and expressed frustration over what he perceived as a lack of communication between the two agencies.
4. (S) Chidambaram informed Mueller that the GOI would soon send a number of Letters Rogatory to the USG in relation to the Headley case, and requested that the USG provide a response to the Letters as soon as possible.
5. (S) Chidambaram confided that "I have a feeling in my bones that Headley was not acting alone" in India and expressed frustration over what he perceived as a lack of communication between the two agencies.